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Letter dated 30 November 2011 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, and with reference to your request contained in your note dated 12 January 2011 concerning General Assembly resolution 65/30 of 6 December 2010, entitled "Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives", I have the honour to inform you of the following in regard to the recent incident involving the premises of the Embassy of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in Tehran:

1. On Tuesday, 29 November 2011, at approximately 2 p.m., a group of around 400 students gathered in front of the Embassy of the United Kingdom in Tehran in a peaceful protest against the British Government's policies vis-à-vis the Iranian nation. At around 4 p.m., the protest went out of control after a few protesters tried to break the security line and enter the premises. Despite all preventive measures taken by the Police, unfortunately a group of protesters stormed the premises of the Embassy and caused damage to the building and properties therein. The premises were evacuated later on with the deployment of additional anti-riot police forces and after direct involvement of the highest-ranking police officials, including the Chief Commander of the Islamic Republic of Iran's Law Enforcement Forces (Police) and Tehran's Police Chief.

2. At approximately the same time, a group of 60 to 70 gathered outside the United Kingdom Embassy's residential compound in Tehran. A number of protesters entered the compound after a fierce clash with the security guards and caused damage to the property.

3. The Islamic Republic of Iran expresses its regret over these incidents and reaffirms its full commitment under relevant international instruments to take all appropriate measures to protect the premises of diplomatic missions against intrusion or damage and to prevent any attack on the person of the staff members of the missions. Measures have already been taken by the judicial authorities to thoroughly investigate the incidents and identify the culprits.

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It would be appreciated if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 120, and of the Security Council.

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Permanent Representative